

BANK ASSIGNS.

German Savings Bank of Des Moines, Iowa, Closes For Want of Funds.

DEPOSITORS WILL BE PAID.

Delegates to the Coast and Harbor Defense Convention Take a Trip—Costly Dynamo Destroyed—Manufacturing Company in Trouble.

Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 21.—The German Savings Bank assigned today. Capital, \$75,000; assets, \$811,600; undivided profits, \$11,000; deposits, \$640,000. The bank suspended after having opened this morning with only five thousand dollars cash. Very little money came in and when William Musson presented a check for \$1000 there was not enough to pay it, and the doors were closed. Depositors will be paid in full but the capital stock will be wiped out and an assessment will be made. The failure is due to inability to meet the demands of the bank, most of whom are small traders and merchants. No other banks here are affected.

Delegates Take a Trip. Tampa, Fla., Jan. 21.—The delegates to the South Atlantic gulf states coast and harbor defense convention accompanied by prominent local citizens left by a special train this morning for Port Tampa, where they took steamers down to the entrance of the harbor thirty miles distant and will not return till night.

Costly Dynamo Destroyed. Tampa, Fla., Jan. 21.—Early this morning a spark from the dynamo in the electric light company's building started a fire which destroyed the big dynamo. At the streets will be dark tonight. The dynamo was valued at \$1500 and the loss is \$1500.

Manufacturing Company in Trouble. St. Louis, Jan. 21.—The Dodson-Hill Manufacturing company filed a chattel mortgage, \$7,000, today to secure creditors. The firm is in the hands of trustees. The assets are estimated at over \$100,000 consisting of plants in Iowa and Missouri and \$40,000 in accounts.

DIPLOMATIC DAY.

From Paris Cable to the Secretary of State.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Baron Pava, the Italian ambassador, was among the secretaries today at the state department. He was the subject of some of the official who supposed the ambassador called to Europe last week. As a matter of fact he has secured leave of absence from his government, with permission to return to Italy with the remains of his son who has been prevented from availing himself of the privilege by the unexpected illness of his wife. Hence he came to Washington from New York and has taken up quarters for a time at the Metropolitan Club. This being diplomatic day there was an unusually large number of secretaries, among them the ministers from Russia, Japan, Venezuela, Chile and the greater republic of Central America.

A Confederate Defects Feeder. Topeka, Kan., Jan. 21.—Ex-Congressman William A. Harris of Lincoln, Leavenworth county, was nominated by the Populist caucus for United States senator at the thirty fifth ballot. He will succeed William A. Peffer. Harris received 7 votes more than the necessary number to nominate.

When the result was announced there was wild scenes of enthusiasm. Harris was soon brought to the hall, but was so overcome he could not speak for several minutes. When he was able to proceed, he devoutly thanked the members for their vote.

The fight at the close was between Harris and Little and Bredenthal, but Harris won steadily from the first. Mr. Harris is 51 years old. He was a Democrat until 1890, but since that he has been active and prominently identified with the Populists. From 1892 to 1894 he served as congressman at large, and is now a member of the state senate representing the third senatorial district. During the civil war Mr. Harris served with the south as adjutant general in Wilcox brigade, Longstreet's division.

Fire in Post-Office. Boston, Jan. 21.—The wholesale grocery establishment of Moody & Co. was burned out this morning. Loss, \$100,000. Several horses have died in Clinton from cerebral spinal meningitis. A veterinary says it is occasioned by the horses having eaten decayed grass, on which the potato fungi flourished.

JEFF DAVIS' PICTURE REMAINS.

Arkansas Legislators Love It More Than One of George Washington.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 21.—Six years ago this morning the Arkansas legislature passed a bill appropriating \$350 for a painting of Jefferson Davis, and instructed the sergeant-at-arms to hang it over the speaker's chair, a place formerly occupied by a portrait of George Washington. Yesterday Jacob King, of Stone county, introduced the following resolution relative to the picture: "Be it resolved, by the house of representatives of the state of Arkansas, that Hon. Jefferson Davis' picture be removed from where it now hangs and placed to the left of the speaker's stand, where General George Washington's picture now hangs, and that General Washington's picture be placed over the speaker's stand, where Hon. Jefferson Davis' picture now hangs."

The house, by an overwhelming majority, rejected the resolution. Mr. King says he was in the confederate army, and with General Lee at the surrender at Appomattox, and that he introduced the resolution at the urgent request of his constituents.

Both houses met in joint session at noon yesterday and declared the result of balloting for United States senator the day before. Senator James K. Jones was officially named as his own successor.

The house adopted a resolution inviting Hon. W. J. Bryan to address the legislature at his convenience.

Mr. Bush, Populist, offered a resolution, which was laid over, instructing the Arkansas delegation in congress to urge the passage of an act to provide for the insurance by the government of \$500,000,000 in legal tender money, to be prorated to the several states and territories in proportion to their population, for the purpose of constructing public roads and bridges.

SECTION OF HADES.

The Horrors of War in Cuba—Men Who Are Turned to Demons.

Key West, Jan. 21.—Among the passengers on the steamer from Havana was Jose Micanilo, from the interior, south of Havana. He reports a fight at Helena del Sur, in the southern part of Havana province, two weeks ago, that the officials in Havana had not yet reported.

A Spanish cavalry force of 600 men, comprising there, was surprised by 400 Cubans. The Spanish fought bravely but retreated with twenty men killed. The Cubans suffered the loss of eight. The Cubans pursued, but were drawn into an ambush and pushed terribly, losing fifty men. They withdrew and the Spanish troops reentered their own camp and began merrily making in honor of their victory. Late that night the insurgents surprised the camp. The terror stricken Spanish soldiers fled, flinging down their weapons. The insurgents pursued them, killing and wounding over 100. The Cubans, after remaining two days, moved northward. Three days after a Spanish force, commanded by the guerrilla captain, Felix de la Gracia, marched in. He gave the town over to his ruffian soldiers. For the next twenty-four hours the guerrillas had their own way with the helpless women and girls. Seven men and four boys were brutally killed while attempting to protect their relatives. Women died from their treatment. The mayor was hanged in front of his own door, his wife and daughter being compelled to witness the execution. The captain charged that he gave aid to the rebels.

Agreeing to Coerce the Sultan. London, Jan. 21.—The official correspondence between Great Britain and Russia published here shows that Salisbury, October 20, proposed to the ambassador at Constantinople to formulate reforms to be enforced by the powers. The Russian foreign minister replied Nov. 18. The czar decided it impossible to agree to coerce the sultan, but Nov. 2 a communication was received to the effect that the czar agreed to Salisbury's proposal and would not object to advise the Russian ambassador relative to coercion should the sultan refuse to adopt the reforms unanimously recommended by the ambassadors.

A Populist Gerrymander.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 21.—The congressional apportionment bill introduced in the house if it becomes a law will help out fusion materially. It so divides the state into congressional districts as to prevent the Republicans electing any congressman except in a few districts. As the Republicans are in a hopeless minority their opposition can avail nothing. In the 54th congress the Republicans elected six out of the seven congressmen.

Boyard's Queer Challenge.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 21.—Captain Boyard of this city, the world's famous wing shot, issues a challenge to any person in the world to shoot at 1000 glass balls, Peoria blackbirds or any artificial target at one time with three different having eaten decayed grass, on which the potato fungi flourished.

STORM AT SEA.

Schooner Nahum Chapin Driven On a Bar and Completely Wrecked.

THE ENTIRE CREW PERISH.

Deaths From the Plague—Movements in Western States to Send Food to India—A Miners' Strike Probable.

New York, Jan. 21.—The three masted schooner Nahum Chapin of Rockland, Me., went ashore in a storm at Quogue, Long Island early this morning and became a total wreck. The Quogue life saving station reports nine men seen clinging to the rigging. The vessel went to pieces and all hands were carried into the sea and were presumably drowned. Owing to the heavy surf and the strong wind, the crew was unable to launch a life boat to render assistance.

The storm which struck the Long Island shore yesterday afternoon was the severest of the winter. The Nahum Chapin struck a bar at 4 o'clock this morning. Four hours later she began to break up and then went to pieces carrying the crew to sea. Two bodies so far have been recovered. The vessel was commanded by Captain S. E. Parie. The names of the crew are as follows: A. E. Davis, first mate; L. A. Maddock, second mate; and Seaman John Nelver, Thomas Lowe, Roe Anderson, Victor Strac'm, Oscar Oscar, Antonio Ocyanich. They shipped at Boston.

Deaths From the Plague. Bombay, Jan. 21.—Deaths from the plague for the week number 470.

To Send Relief to India. San Francisco, Jan. 21.—Telegrams were sent by the citizens' committee to the governor of Oregon, Washington, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa asking the people of those states to unite with California in sending a shipload of grain to the starving people of India.

Iowa Miners May Strike.

Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 21.—It is almost certain there will be a big miners' strike in this district involving about 20,000 miners. It is the result of the coal war which compelled the operators to reduce wages. The miners have been asked to accept fifty cents for mine run coal instead of the old scale of eighty cents for screen. The miners declare they cannot live at the reduced rate. The operators say there is little difference in the rate and that the men must take the reduced rate or be locked out. The miners met today to frame an ultimatum.

Miners' Representatives Meet.

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IN A STRANGE LAND.

A Pair From Paris Trying to Get Back Home.

St. Louis, Jan. 21.—George Panx and his pretty young wife were arrested yesterday in East St. Louis by the police just as they were about to board an east-bound freight train on the Baltimore and Ohio railway. Neither Panx nor his wife could speak a word of English, but they were taken to the police station where an interpreter was procured. Panx stated that he was 33 years of age, and his wife was but 19. They lived just outside the limits of Paris, France, and were married in that city about a year ago. He was a civil engineer and had a good position.

His folks, however, objected to his marriage and he decided to leave his native country and seek his fortune in the United States. The couple had some money, but after looking for work in New York their bank account dwindled to a few dollars. Before they had spent their entire fortune they concluded to visit other great cities and went as far west as San Francisco. Mr. Panx obtained work in many places, but, being handicapped by his inability to speak English, he was compelled to give way to others. He accepted other places and actually drove a mule in a coal bank before deciding to return to France.

The couple had \$14, and through the kindness of Everett and Louis Bolonnenue and other French citizens they were furnished transportation to New York where Mr. Panx says the French consul will send them home.

DUEL TO THE DEATH.

Rival Lovers Kill Each Other in the Presence of Their Sweethearts.

Cynthiana, Ky., Jan. 21.—News just reached this city of a duel that occurred yesterday in the lower edge of this county between two young men over Miss Jennie Hillery, who is in her teens. She had been receiving the attentions of John Dairly, aged 20, and Ben S. Dryman, about 25 years of age. Sunday night she had, by mistake, promised both young men that she would accompany them to a country church. Dairly, arriving first, she went with him. Dryman, arriving at her house and finding her not there, proceeded to the church, determined to have an understanding. After church was over Dryman had an understanding with Dairly, to the effect that the first time they met both were to be prepared with weapons, and the one that was killed left to the other a clear field.

The girl tried hard to persuade her mad lovers to not settle in this manner, but to no avail. She says that both men had made repeated threats, and that Dryman had even gone so far as to threaten on her life, but thinking he was jealous she paid no attention to him. Dairly, in going to the postoffice, was compelled to pass the houses of Miss Hillery and Dryman. Yesterday, while on the road for his mail, he thought he would ask Miss Hillery to accompany him, thinking he would avoid a difficulty if the young woman was present, and in persuading her to go with him mentioned this as an inducement. While passing Dryman's house he saw them together, and immediately saddling his horse started in pursuit. Just after they had started for home Dryman made his appearance, and said: "Dairly, now d—n you, we will settle it."

The young woman sprang from the buggy and begged hard and long for them to not do anything rash. Both, however, reached the ground, drew their weapons, and both men were killed. Dairly received two bullets in the body near the heart, dying almost instantly, while Dryman was shot through the head, lingering for a few hours.

Miss Hillery hurried back to the office. It was some time before she could compose herself to relate her story, and it is thought that she may lose her mind over it. The funeral of Dairly will be conducted tomorrow morning at the church, and Dryman's at the same church where the trouble began on last Sunday night.

STATE EMPLOYEES "BROKE."

Four Hundred at Kankakee Suffer Because of New Ruling.

Kankakee, Jan. 21.—Employees of the Illinois Eastern hospital are anxiously wondering when they will receive their last month's salary. Heretofore it has been the practice of the institution to borrow money at the banks, where the requisitions for the salary money have been accepted as security, but Governor Tanner has put a stop to that.

There are more than 400 employees at the institution and the monthly pay roll will average \$15,000. Local business men who credit employees are put to some inconvenience. A few are discounting the checks at 3 per cent.

AGAINST GREAT STORES.

A Thousand Men to Go to Springfield to Wage War Upon Them.

Chicago, Jan. 21.—Work is already under way to raise a fund to pay the expenses of 1000 merchants to go to Springfield, where, backed by the North Side Business Men's association, they will wage war upon the big department stores. The legislature will be asked to pass a law against them bristling with restricting clauses. Said President Gillman in his ringing call: "If department stores are allowed to conduct business along present lines, not only will they ultimately crush out the small dealer, but they will have the general public at their mercy. Such power in the hands of a few will be used with terrible effect."

Gambol Shell Exploded.

Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 21.—Late last night a concussion shook up block No. 800 Grove street, jarring the ground and breaking the doors and windows of several houses. It was caused by the explosion of a bombshell in the house of Robert Savage, a negro residing at 814. The shell was such as were fired from mortar by guerrillas during the rebellion, and was 5 inches in diameter and 15 inches long. Savage's son, aged 12, heated a poker red hot and stuck it into the shell. The shell was torn to fragments.

The boy was badly burned about the face. His eyebrows and hair were singed and his face gashed and filled with powder but he was not seriously injured. The shell had been used as an ax for cracking nuts for many years, and no one imagined that it contained a charge.

Rate of Discount Reduced.

London, Jan. 21.—The Bank of England's rate of discount has been reduced from 4 to 3 1/2 per cent.

JOE MYERS GOES FREE

The Jury Decides That He Is Not Guilty of the Murder of August Hackman.

VERDICT WAS RETURNED THIS MORNING.

The Announcement Applauded by Spectators and Cheered by the Prisoners in the Jail—

Myers Was Pleased but Took the Matter Quietly.

Joe Myers is free. The jury in the case decided that he is not guilty of the murder of August Hackman which was charged against him and returned a verdict to that effect this morning. After a long confinement in the county jail and to trials for his life he is at last at liberty to go or do as he pleases.

The closing arguments in the case were made yesterday and last night. Attorneys I. R. Mills and C. C. Leforge spoke for the prosecution and Attorneys Redman and J. T. Whitley for the defense. They went out at 10 p.m. and at 1 o'clock this morning it was learned that the jury had reached a verdict and that they would return it at 9 o'clock. Long before that hour a crowd began to gather in the court room, and when the jury came in at 9:05 o'clock there were a large number of people impatient to hear what the fate of Myers would be. A few minutes before court was called to order the prisoner entered the room and took his seat at the table with his attorneys Mr. Whitley. He had a letter which one of Myers' friends had written to him and this the lawyer handed to his client. Myers smiled and put the letter in his pocket. He shook hands with both Mr. Whitley and Mr. Nelson and talked to them. He said that he had not slept well the night before and added that he hoped the jury would not find him guilty. He did not lose the nerve which he had shown all through the trial but he was little more agitated than he has appeared before.

Greeted With Cheers.

The foreman of the jury gave the verdict to Deputy Landy Martin and he handed it to Judge Vail. When the judge was opening the paper which contained the fate of the prisoner the latter looked a little anxious, but when the judge read, "We, the jury, find the defendant not guilty," a smile appeared on Myers' face, the tears rose in his eyes and he held in an undertone to his lawyers, "My God, I'm glad." There was a short silence in the room for a few moments and then the spectators broke out in a loud applause. This was instantly answered by the prisoners in the all who shouted for several minutes. The demonstration pleased Myers greatly. The smile on his face broadened and he nodded his head in approval of the applause of his fellow prisoners.

Received Congratulations.

Although Myers was for a few moments greatly moved by the verdict he was himself again in a few moments and showed the same self-control and coolness that he has exhibited through the entire trial. The lawyers and jurymen at once flocked around the released prisoner to shake hands with him. When Myers talked there was no break in his voice and he was not in the least embarrassed. He took down the names of the jurymen and their addresses and said that he would hunt them up later and talk with them again. When asked by a reporter what he thought of the verdict he said: "It was what I expected and what I knew I ought to have. I do not know just what I will do. I suppose that I will stay around here until next fall and then go home. I wanted to go home last fall but had so much work that I couldn't do it." The people stayed in the court room until the bailiffs ordered them to move out and then another case was called. The regular jury venire was taken up and work started to get a jury for the next case.

Was a Cool Prisoner.

Attorneys Redman, Whitley and Nelson, the lawyers for the defense, had a little private talk with Myers and then he was taken to the public was concerned in a case which attracted as much attention as any which has ever been tried in this county. Everyone is familiar with the crime which was charged against Myers last February the body of August Hackman, a German, who came here from taunton, was found in the woods east of he city. It had been there, as afterward learned, since the first day of March. Hackman had been killed by being struck on the head. His skull was fractured.

and he had been robbed of what money he possessed. Myers was arrested while working near Long Creek and was charged with the crime of murdering the man. The first trial was held at the last term of court. It was a hard fought case and the jury after being out two days disagreed and were unable to arrive at a verdict. Myers then stayed in jail until this term of court when he was again brought up for trial. The evidence which was brought up against him was damaging. He was the last man to be seen with Hackman. They had left the city together and Hackman never returned. Myers afterward pawned a watch which was proved to be Hackman's. A hammer was found near the place where the supposed murder occurred and an effort was made to prove that it belonged to Myers, and it was introduced as the weapon with which the murder was committed. The manner in which the case was conducted by the defense, Attorneys Redman, Nelson and Whitley, created a doubt. Myers swore to having bought the watch from a man he thought was Olgum, the pocketbook witnesses swore Myers brought with him from Pennsylvania, and other hammers were introduced which caused confusion. A great many witnesses were examined on both sides and that part of the trial alone occupied a number of days. As it has resulted Joe Myers is free in the eyes of the law of any crime of murder and is free to do his own will. On the other hand the terrible death of August Hackman will remain a mystery. He was undoubtedly murdered by some man whose motive was robbery but the secret of who that man was will probably never be made clear.

The O. M. Amsted Estate.

In the county court yesterday an amended report was filed by I. W. Ehrman, assignee of O. M. Amsted. This was in response to the order of the court to file an amended report. This amended report was amended to a certain extent but the attorneys for the creditors claimed that it did not show near all the transactions of the business as it should. Some receipts were shown, but they claimed that not near all the receipts that should be shown were there. The court entered an order rejecting the amended report and directing the assignee to make a complete itemized report showing the date and amount of purchases of goods, of whom purchased, amount paid out and to whom paid, with receipts therefor, or with a satisfactory reason for the absence of any receipts. Next Monday was set as the time by which this report must be filed.

A Sad Affliction.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sollars arrived yesterday from St. Paul, where they have lived since last October. They came to Decatur to have Mrs. Sollars' eyes treated. She has lost the sight of both of them. It is thought the sight of one can be restored. That is a matter to be determined when the physicians make an examination. The trouble has been coming on for two months. It is believed to be a result of sickness. At first one eye was affected and then the other one failed. She now cannot see anything. Mr. and Mrs. Sollars are at the home of Mrs. Sollars' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Segor on North College street.

Dinner at the Shade Home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Shade gave a 6 o'clock dinner last evening at their home in honor of Hon. John D. Benedict of Danville, grand chancellor of the Illinois Knights of Pythias, and Past Grand Chancellor John J. Brown and wife of Vandalla, who were their guests while in the city. Besides the visitors, E. S. Millan, the chancellor commander of Coeur de Leon lodge and Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Busby were at the table.

Corn Moving.

Owing to the low freight rate for grain 2,000,000 bush is what have left this section of Illinois on a boat last night. 400,000 of those two million were shipped yesterday.

THE BARNISTER MYSTERY.

BY G. CANNINGS.

"And if the verdict should go against me, Rose?"

"But it can't, Arthur!"

"Yet circumstances would seem to point to my guilt, and circumstances, evidence—"

"Lies as often as it speaks the truth. Your counsel will show that it lies in your camp."

"Still, should the verdict be adverse?"

"I refuse to believe such a miscarriage of justice possible."

"Be reasonable, darling. Look a possible contingency in the face. Men have been convicted on circumstantial evidence before now, and will be again, even though their innocence has afterwards been made manifest. Witnesses may lie—I have more than once in the world. Or they may mistake unconsciously, and their misstatements may just turn the scale against me."

"But you are innocent, dear, and the judge who tries the case will know—must know—that you are, and will direct the jury. You must regard an adverse verdict as beyond the pale of possibility!"

"I want to be prepared, Rose. In the affairs of men all things are possible, and if the jury should say I am guilty—"

"Arthur, how would not alter my feelings towards you? I would still think—know—that you are innocent. Nay, if I knew you had committed the murder, I should still love you as fervently as I do now!"

A Courtroom in a Country Town—A Judge's Summing Up.

"The history of the case, then, gentlemen, is as follows: Mr. John Conroy, an elderly gentleman, lived at a house known as the Towers, at Barnminster, a small seaside resort seven miles from here. Close by him lived his nephew, Arthur Vereker, a married man, like many another married man of the bar, had, in the absence of briefs, turned his attention to literature, by which means he earned a slender income. Yet, poor as Arthur was, he had somewhat large expectations from his uncle Conroy, who, it was well known, had made his will in the young man's favor. Uncle and nephew appeared to have been on friendly, though not on such cordial terms as one might expect would have been the case between such near relations. One point of disagreement undoubtedly existed, and led to some estrangement between the two—namely, with respect to certain investments which the uncle contemplated making, and of which Vereker strongly disapproved. You have had Mr. Conroy's stockbroker before you, and he has shown you that, had the speculations in question been persisted in, they would have ended disastrously."

"Now, imprudent as you may consider such a step to have been in the case of a man of means so limited as Mr. Vereker's, he had nevertheless engaged himself to be married to a young lady named Rose Manners. And it was this projected marriage which made him doubly anxious that the legacy which he had good grounds for thinking one day would be his should remain intact, and not be squandered away in hazardous ventures. Miss Manners, as you remember, lived with an invalid father at a cottage residence about a mile and a half from Barnminster. The little house was situated some 200 or 300 yards from the steep cliffs which, having their rise in the town of Barnminster, ascend rapidly from there and extend several miles along the coast."

"On the 3d of March last, at about three o'clock as it has been possible to determine, Arthur Vereker and his uncle sat in the Towers. The uncle is going, as is his almost daily custom, for a stroll along the cliffs, and his nephew is bent on a visit to his intended. The two men's roads, therefore, lie for a certain distance in the



THE JUDGE SUMMING UP.

same direction. On their way along the cliffs they are met by a farm laborer named Williams, who has told you that when he passed them by, at a distance of some 20 yards, Conroy and Vereker had the appearance of being engaged in some hot dispute, though from the distance he could not catch what they were saying."

"Vereker had told Miss Manners that he hoped to call on her at about half-past three that same day. When the time of the expected visit, therefore, was drawing near, instead of waiting for her lover at her house, she went to meet him. She left the cottage at a little before the half hour and walked to a spot on the cliffs, anticipating seeing Vereker coming towards her from the town. From where she stood (you will see the spot indicated on the sketch map that has been prepared for you) she was able to command the whole line of cliff to Barnminster. Yet, to her disappointment, she failed to see any trace of her lover. After watching for some minutes, and still perceiving no signs of him, she concluded that he had either been detained or had gone to her house by another route."

Upon that she returned to her home, hoping to find that her intended had reached the cottage before her. As a matter of fact, he did not find him there on her arrival."

"Now, half an hour from this a gypsy named Benjamin Lee, in searching for a goat which had strayed from his encampment not far off, was startled to see the dead body of a man lying on the rocky beach below the cliff's edge. The body turned out to be that of John Conroy. And of this man's murder Arthur Vereker, the prisoner in the dock, stands accused."

"Here the judge touches more minutely on a portion of the evidence; then, taking up the thread of his charge, he proceeds:

"What caused the sudden disappearance and death of John Conroy? By your verdict you will have to answer for or against the prisoner. It is contended by the prosecution that the deceased was pushed over the cliffs by his nephew. What evidence is adduced in favor of this contention?"

"It is pointed out that before Conroy's death Vereker was in need of money; and that he earnestly desired money; that a climax was at last reached when it became known to him that his uncle contemplated making investments which he, the nephew, considered unsound. Vereker tried to dissuade his uncle from these speculations, and had frequent disputes with him in consequence. Without avail, for on the very morning of his death Conroy prepared the draft of a letter to his stockbroker, instructing him to pay the shares the purchase of which Vereker deemed so detrimental to his interests. Vexed, annoyed, harried, it is contended, he sets out on his walk with his uncle. When last seen together, they are in hot dispute. One would lead to another, till at last a sudden impulse, it is supposed, seizes the young man. One push will put him in possession of the money he so badly needs, and, yielding to the tempter at his elbow, the dreadful crime is committed. Directly after the murder he starts off by the short route inland to Miss Manners' house, and reaches it about 3:30."

"For the defense, on the other hand, it is urged that Mr. Conroy's death was the result of pure accident. When Vereker left his uncle—the prisoner's counsel says—the old man walked on till he reached a point on the cliff where some clumps of a somewhat rare herb, indigenous to that part of the coast, were known to grow. Stopping to pluck one of these, which his known love of botany would lead him to prize, and some of the very leaves of which were indeed found in the pockets of the dead man, it is urged that he lost his balance, became giddy, or that a sudden gust—it has been given in evidence that the wind was high on the 3d of March—drove him over the edge. When Miss Manners from her eminence therefore scanned the line of cliff and saw neither uncle nor nephew, Mr. Conroy had but a moment before disappeared from view over the precipitous wall of rock."

"The judge here orders at great length into a critical analysis of the entire evidence. After which he resumes:

"Gentlemen, I have placed the facts before you so far as we have been able to ascertain them. I have also recalled to your mind the hypotheses adduced therefrom, but from the point of view of the prosecution and that of the defense; and I have endeavored to guide you so far as I justly may to a right finding. The evidence in this case is in the main circumstantial; but let me warn you that it is no whit the less weighty on that account if the links composing it be but durable and perfect. Having heard the depositions of the various witnesses for the crown, does that evidence in your mind clearly establish the guilt of the accused? If you have no reasonable doubt that the prisoner at the bar is the man who committed the murder of which he stands charged it is your duty, irrespective of the feelings of others, to find a verdict of guilty. If, on the contrary, in your opinion, the circumstantial chain should in any one particular be faulty, should the hand of guilt not point with sufficiently convincing distinctness towards the prisoner, then it is equally a duty you owe to him to return a verdict of acquittal. In a word, should any doubt—any reasonable doubt—assail your minds, bear in mind that the accused is entitled to the benefit of that doubt."

"Gentlemen, I leave the ultimate finding in your hands, well knowing that you will not in this grave, this momentous question as good citizens, as God-fearing men, and that you will return only such verdict as will commend itself to your one true guide—your conscience."

Extract from the Barnminster Gazette.

"The jury retired at a quarter past four, and at five o'clock returned into court. In answer to the question put by the clerk of arraigns the foreman replied that they had arrived at their verdict, and that it was a unanimous one."

"What, then, is your verdict, gentlemen?" again demanded the clerk.

"We find the prisoner 'not guilty.'"

"Thus ended, in an acquittal of the prisoner, a trial which has created a profound sensation in the neighborhood, and which has been known for the last few weeks by the name of the Barnminster Mystery."

A Private Sitting-room in a Hotel in North Wales.

"Tired, Rose?"

"No, dear."

"You ought to be—all you have passed through."

"Not more than you have, Arthur. Not half as much. To be tried for your life. To know that you are innocent. And yet to be tried. To undergo the hideous, sickening feeling that at the very last the juryman might blunder. I pretended to count such ideas before the trial. Yet I felt them all the same. But now they have ended in the way it

pronounced innocent—why, I can almost laugh at the whole matter."

"Come and sit on this low stool close beside me," Arthur said. "We can talk better so." Rose did as desired. "Quite—quite happy?"

"Is there a wife in all this world as happy?"

After which Rose continued with a smile: "We didn't lose much time in getting married, did we?"

"Can you wonder? I was impatient—very impatient to call you my wife. I had waited long for that day, and longed for its coming."

"My darling!"

"And I will be a good husband to you," Arthur went on, very earnestly. "You, and you only, shall always be my love. All that you want, all that I can give you—and we are rich now, and have left carking care behind us—that will I give you. And you will always love me—always as much as you do now?"

"Always—always," she replied. Then, more fervently still, and speaking with a nervous force: "Hove you the more for what you have gone through. As I sit cowering in the court-house hour after hour, I wanted again and again to cry out to the judge: 'Stop! look into the prisoner's eyes as I do, and there you will see his innocence, written! What need to try him? Look into

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"If you want to smoke, dear, do not mind me."

"No, no, dear, I do not want to smoke. I took up the pipe out of pure habit."

At this pause.

"Arthur?"

"Yes."

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WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, Jan. 21.—Generally fair to-
night and Friday; warmer, northwest to
night warmer Friday, variable winds
shifting to southerly.

The Machine.

The machine, which has been during
its short life, the most obnoxious and in-
dependent organization within the Republi-
can party that ever existed, has gone
down, a complete wreck, defeated, im-
molated, discredited and condemned by
the Republicans of the state of Illinois.
It was organized in Chicago something
over two years ago and extended the or-
ganization as far as possible in the other
counties in the state, with the view of
dictating all party nominations and con-
trolling all patronage. It considered
with the holders it had in the rural dis-
tricts, it could control conventions and the
distribution of patronage, absolutely.
When the time arrived for the contest for
presidential delegates, its self-conceit led
it to undertake to defy the people and send
delegates to the national convention un-
friendly to McKinley's candidacy. The ob-
ject was to secure the nomination of a man
for president who would surrender the con-
trol of the federal patronage to it, but it
lost defeat in nearly every congressional
district in the state outside of Chicago and
was finally defeated at the state con-
vention. When the convention assem-
bled in St. Louis it was conceded that Mc-
Kinley would be nominated and in face
of that fact, smarting under defeat, one
of the leaders of the machine, Dr. Jamieson,
as an anti-McKinley act, was put on
the national committee. That move was
checked by Mark Hanna putting Hon.
Chas. G. Dawes of Illinois on the ex-
ecutive committee which left Mr. Jamieson
out in the cold.

The next move of the machine was to
force one of its members into the United
States senate as an anti-McKinley sena-
tor. It tried Madden and failed, and then
it tried Lorimer and could not land him
either. It ran up against the people. It
expected the country eggs in the machine
to control sixteen county senators and
representatives. These eggs only landed
six against the will of their constituents.
In the other cases the people prevented
them carrying out their infamous scheme
by forcing the machine members of the
legislature to respect the will of the peo-
ple who elected them. The machine also
found trouble in the Cook county dele-
gation. When it became apparent to the
machine that it could not land Madden
or Lorimer in the United States senate,
against the will of the people, an attempt
was made to transfer the Cook county
contingent to Hitt or some other candi-
date, other than Mason, so as to be able to
say that the machine elected the man,
but the contingent refused to be deliv-
ered. Only 28 could be found will-
ing to be transferred in this way and the
whole thing collapsed and the machine
was a thing of the past.

The people can now see the difference
between a machine and party organization.
The machine only seeks to dictate nomi-
nations, often in defiance of the will of
the people, and whenever it fails to do
this, as in the present instance it failed to
force the nomination of a senator, the ma-
chine goes to pieces, but party organiza-
tion stands. Party organization seeks to
do the best thing for the party. The ma-
chine seeks only to get officers and leaves
the care of the party to party organiza-
tion. The machine never considers the
best interests of the party while party or-
ganization does.

Hon. W. E. Mason.

The election of the Hon. W. E. Mason
to the United States senate from Illinois
pleases the great masses of the Republican
party in the state. Mr. Mason has be-
come, through his efforts in recent cam-
paigns for the party, the great commoner.
So popular had he become as a speaker
that in the late campaign, though giving
his entire time, he was not able to speak
in more than one out of ten places that
wanted him. His popularity is something
like the popularity of "Dick" Oglesby in
his palmy days. The people have accept-
ed him as their political idol and they get
great comfort out of his promotion to
the United States senate.
Mr. Mason's lines have fallen to him in
fortunate places. His election is a great
triumph of the people and his election
was accomplished amid the crashings of a
collapsing political machine that one
week ago boasted that it owned the Re-
publican party. Had the machine been
successful of the party would be ruined un-
til a process of regeneration had been ac-
complished. The election of Mason saves
the party from the power of the political
pirate that was sapping the life blood
and vigor out of the party.
This opens up a magnificent future to
the new senator. He will not be swayed
by the machine because it has gone

to pieces and Mr. Mason with his power
with the people can lead them to the
liberty they long for, namely, to have
a voice in the naming of the candidates
for whom they want to vote. He can not
only do this but more. He is great
enough to use his influence and encour-
age the people to put their best men in the
front instead of suppressing men of abili-
ty for fear they may over leap him in
the future. The policy has been hereto-
fore to keep good men from coming to the
front in politics. This can all be changed
now and Mr. Mason can make himself
even more popular by encouraging strong
men, men whose ability will honor the
party, to come to the front in the politics
of Illinois. Should he elect to do this,
as he undoubtedly will, there will be no
danger of his being supplanted in the
United States senate until age destroys
his usefulness.

Sherman as Secretary of State.

Peoria Transcript: The comments of
press and people show that Major McKin-
ley has made a popular selection by fixing
upon Senator John Sherman as the pre-
mier of his cabinet. For nearly half a
century his name has been linked with
the history of the country. His public
career may be said to have begun with his
advocacy of the presidential candidacy of
Henry Clay in 1824. He did not, how-
ever, become a conspicuous figure until
1851, when, for the first time, he entered
congress. From that period to the pres-
ent he has devoted his time and talents to
the work of the nation and the welfare of
the people. He served continuously in the
house from 1854 to 1881, when he was
elected to the senate as the successor of
Salmon P. Chase. His career in the sen-
ate has been without interruption, with
the exception of his period of service as
secretary of the treasury under the Hayes
administration. He holds the palm for the
longest term of service in the upper
house, having passed, in 1894, Benton's
famous record.

Through this training he will make an
ideal secretary of state. His extended ex-
perience as a member, and, for a long pe-
riod, as chairman of the foreign relations
committee furnishes him with a popular
and apt to the always delicate and in-
timate duties of this important post in the
service of the people. His equipment is
complete as to character, gifts, experience
and temperament. His statesmanship
patriotism, conservatism and uncompro-
miting Americanism no one can call in
question. Age has but enriched his mind
and ripened his powers. His courage and
independence are sufficiently attested in
his "Recollections of Forty Years."

Judge Locke of the United States court
at Jacksonville, Fla., has rendered a de-
cision in the case of the steamer Three
Friends, which, if sustained, may have a
very important bearing on the settlement
of the Cuban controversy. Judge Locke's
decision is that the insurgents, not having
been recognized by the United States,
were not a people nor a body politic as
defined by our laws. If this decision is
sustained every act restraining the fitting
out of expeditions to aid the Cuban in-
surgents in their struggle against Spain is
imperative, and every obstacle to fulfill-
ing their will be removed so far as this
country is concerned. The case will be
taken to the supreme court in all proba-
bility, and it is doubtful if that body will
sustain the decision of Judge Locke.

Our exports in 1896 amounted to \$1,-
005,478,417. Payment was made in gold,
not in silver bullion of half value. If
we should ever prefer the depreciated
money we shall get it promptly with the
enthusiastic aid and consent of every
other nation on earth.

While the growth of France is almost
stationary that of Germany goes on stead-
ily. The German Empire now has a popu-
lation of 53,500,000, a gain in five years
of nearly 3,000,000. It would be wise in
France to give more attention to the mer-
its of arbitration.

The official statement of exports and
imports for December shows very clearly
that the wave of prosperity is steadily ap-
proaching, and that the beginning of Re-
publican rule is all that is needed to bring
about a rapid restoration of the country's
former prosperity.

A Deep Polar Sea.

Dr. Nansen, who returned last summer
baffled in his attempt to reach the
North pole, although he got nearer to
it than anyone else has ever been, re-
ports a fact which upsets some old
ideas about the Polar sea. He found
that the sea north of Siberia is shallow
in its southern portion, averaging only
90 fathoms deep, but that above lati-
tude 79 degrees it suddenly becomes
profound, the bottom falling to a depth
of from 1,600 to 1,900 fathoms. If this
applies to the entire polar basin, then
the north pole does not lie in shallow
water, as many have supposed, but is
situated in the midst of a deep sea—a
fact which has a bearing upon the
problem of how best to reach the pole.
—Youth's Companion.

Order Control.

"I frankly admit," said the meek lit-
tle member of the sewing society, "that
I have but little influence over my hus-
band."
"Pshaw!" exclaimed the bleached
blood, disdainfully. "I can make my
husband do anything he wants to."
—Washington Times.

Its Nature.

"Here, waiter; where's that turtle
soup I ordered? What makes it so slow
in coming?"
"Golly, boss, what kin yo' 'spect of
it?" —Illustrated Monthly

NEW CASTLE HALL.

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Visitors were present from Marion, For-
syth, Oregon, Clinton, Indianapolis, Kan-
sas City, Chicago, Cairo, Gordo, Vande-
bilt, Mason and many other points. Mem-
bers of Chevalier Bayard lodge were large-
ly in evidence, as were also Pythian
brothers from all lodges in Mason county.

The Committee in Charge.

Arrangements—J. H. Young, A. T.

Grist, Samuel D. McKinney.

Reception—W. P. Shado, T. V. Jones,

E. S. Millspaugh, John H. Hayes, Max

Atta, W. W. Mason, T. G. Wilson, M. F.

Kanran, M. Heilbrun, C. M. Reddick, J.

W. Wolgast, A. Krenning, R. J. Strat-

ton, George Fletcher, E. S. McDonald,

Morton Grant, E. J. Strader, W. E. Sur-

face, G. A. Ahrens, W. H. Vaughn, Jacob

Keck.

Invitation—F. W. Wisner, Max Atlas,

J. J. H. Young.

Music—A. E. Lindamood, M. Heilbrun,

G. A. Ahrens.

Decorations—N. Bommersbach, S. D.

McKinney, F. W. Wisner.

The Uniform Rank

The members of the uniform rank made

a splendid appearance and were gener-
ously praised for their military bearing.

Their lack of impressiveness and additional
beauty to the ceremonies.

The New Castle Hall.

Recently the Republican gave a write up

of the new hall. As stated it is on the
fifth floor of Powers new block, northeast
corner. It is reached from the Water
street entrance by means of two electric
passenger elevators which were kept mov-
ing constantly last night. Wide halls lead
to the reception and ante-rooms. The
first door opens into the lodge room
which will seat comfortably about 100
people. It is splendidly furnished
throughout with polished stations. The
canopy station for the chancellor com-
mander was built by the Decatur Lumber
company; the gas and electric fixtures
were furnished by the Decatur Plumbing
and Heating company; the splendid sym-
bolic carpet by Bradley Bros.; the chairs
by the Bachman Bros. & Martin Co.

The carpet was made to order. The large
banquet hall with its tiled floor is north
of the lodge room connected by two fold-
ing doors, and to the left are four large
property rooms. The inside hall leads to
the kitchen and six other property rooms,
while off the lodge room is another prop-
erty room—a total of 11. There are pri-
vate and public lavatories and a stairway
to the east Main street entrance, which
can be used if required. There are nine
sub-entrances of Coeur de Leon lodge and
nearly every night in the week is taken
up by some organization. There is no
finer or more convenient hall in the state
and the Pythians are justly proud of their
new home. They are also thankful to the
friends who called last night to witness
the ceremonies illustrated in the interest
of friendship, charity and benevolence.

McKinley's Popular Plurality.

Chicago Post: None of the almanacs
or political registers for 1897 agree as to
the vote cast at the last November elec-
tion. According to the Chicago Daily
News Almanac McKinley received 7,107,
304 votes, Bryan and Sewall 6,287,362,
Bryan and Watson 345,728, Palmer 133,
612, Levering (Prohibitionist) 180,750,
Matchett (Socialist Labor) 33,645, and
Bentley (National) 13,955. By these
figures Bryan's total vote was 6,538,080,
leaving McKinley with a plurality of 574,-
284, and an actual majority of only 133,
611.

According to the New York Tribune
Almanac McKinley received 7,106,729
votes to 6,491,790 for Bryan on both the
Democratic and People's tickets. This
would make McKinley's plurality 613,762.

But last Monday the New York Herald
printed what purported to be a table
based on the official figures furnished by
the various secretaries of state throughout
the union, which differ materially from
the returns given in any of the almanacs.
This is the latest information accessible,
and it gives McKinley's plurality over
Bryan's combined vote at 618,712. Its
totals are as follows:

McKinley (Rep.) 7,121,342; Bryan

(Dem. and Peo.) 6,502,600; Palmer (Gold

Dem.) 133,612; Levering (Pro.) 123,423;

Matchett (Socialist Labor) 33,608; Bentley

(National) 13,556. Total, 13,020,942.

The Herald gives Bryan and Watson's
vote, included in the above total for Bryan
as only 144,568. But this is clearly an
error for it includes the Bryan and Wat-
son vote in Bryan's totals for California,
Illinois, Kansas and Vermont without
credit to the People's ticket. In these
four states alone the irascible and rasping
Tom Watson helped Bryan to a total of
48,456 votes. Without the People's party
vote in Kansas Bryan would have lost
that state by over 30,000, and he would
not have had the solitary elector in Ken-
tucky who slipped in by the narrow plu-
rality of 148 votes.

If the result in the electoral college had
been close, Thomas C. Watson would have
bestrode the situation like a vituperative
Colossus.

Rabbits are said to be swarming on
Delaware prairie and that vicinity.

Bucklen's Astringent Ointment.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts

Scalds, Burns, Ulcers, Salt Rheum,

Cold Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands,

Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions

and positively cures Piles, or no pay re-

quired. It is guaranteed to give perfect

satisfaction, or money refunded. Price

25 cents per box. For sale by E. A.

West, the druggist.

BARGAINS FOR FRIDAY.

Our Great INVENTORY CUT-PRICE SALE is still going on and the crowds
continue to come. Friday will present some unusual attractions in Men's and
Ladies' Furnishings.

Like Bargains All Over the House.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS.

It is no longer a question of how much these goods cost or are actually worth. We
will not carry them over until next season and you can buy them at 15 to 25 per cent less
than cost to manufacture.

At 6c Pair.

Men's Merino Half Hose, in Natural color, all seamless. They were
considered cheap when we sold them at 20c a pair.

At 9c Pair.

Men's Heavy Extra Long Ribbed Top Shaker Socks. Well worth their
former price, 25c pair.

A 25c Each.

Men's Half Wool Shirts and Drawers, with pearl buttons, ribbed
skirt, 75c was cheap for these goods earlier in the season. We
close them out now at just one-third value.

At 25c Pair.

25 dozen Pairs Gloves and Mittens, all kinds, sizes and styles, that
we have been selling up to 75c pair. All must be closed out at 25c
pair.

At 23c.

20 doz. Men's Heavy Fleeced Shirts, pearl buttons and French neck. 50 cents
is the regular price. While they last 23c each.

LADIES' FURNISHINGS.

These goods represent all the latest and best styles in ladies' wear. Although they are
always steady sellers we want them to move faster, and the prices quoted below will give
you an idea of the price-cutting that is taking place in this department.

Two dozen Ladies' Corduroy Waists, navy, green, brown,
mode gray and black, all styles and well made, some
yoke back and front, some Norfolk style, all well fit-
ting, worth \$5, \$6 and \$7, all to be closed out at one
price, \$3.98 each.

Ladies' Flannel and Serge Waists, in navy, cardinal and
black, sold for \$3.50 and \$2.98; to clear them out, your
choice for \$1.98 each.

Ladies' Fancy Wool Jerseys, assorted colors, sold for \$3.50,
your choice at \$2.49 each.

Ladies' Fancy Dressing Scaques, made of ladies' cloth, in
cardinal, pink and light blue, sizes 32, 34, 36, at \$4.98
each.

Ladies' Elderdown Bath Robes, in all sizes, cardinal, pink,
blue and gray, at \$1.98 and \$5.19 each.

100 Ladies' Fancy Knit Skirts, pink, blue and cardinal
stripes. Those that sold at 50c are cut to 35c, those
that sold for 75c are cut to 49c.

Ladies' Black Wool Hand Knit Skirts, sold for \$2.50, now
\$1.49 each.

78 Lined Satin Skirts, extra and medium weights, some
sold as high as \$2.00 all one price now, 98c.

Moreen Underskirts, well made, worth \$3.25, for \$2.19 each.

Fancy Silk Underskirts, sold at \$5.00, now reduced to
close, to \$4.98 each.

Shawl Fascinators, in blue, white and black, worth \$6,
for 25c.

Ice Wool Shawl Fascinator, in black and white, worth
75c, for 35c.

Ladies' and Misses' Knit Slippers, heavy leather sole
were \$1.00, now 69c

LYNN AND SCRUGGS

DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

THE BIG STORE | WATER, MAIN & STATE STREETS.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO, ILL., Jan. 21, 1897.

The REPUBLICAN is indebted to H. Z. Taylor,
clerk in grain, provisions and stocks, with cor-
respondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis
and St. Louis for the following market quotat-
ions.

	Open- ing.	High- est.	Low- est.	Clos- ing.
Wheat—				
January	70 1/2	70 3/4	70 1/4	70 3/4
May	70 1/2	70 3/4	70 1/4	70 3/4
July	70 1/2	70 3/4	70 1/4	70 3/4
Corn—				
January	24 1/2	24 3/4	24 1/4	24 3/4
May	24 1/2	24 3/4	24 1/4	24 3/4
July	24 1/2	24 3/4	24 1/4	24 3/4
Oats—				
January	18	18 1/2	17 1/2	18 1/2
May	18	18 1/2	17 1/2	18 1/2
July	18	18 1/2	17 1/2	18 1/2
Pork—				
January	8 02 1/2	8 02 1/2	7 96	7 97 1/2
May	8 02 1/2	8 02 1/2	7 96	7 97 1/2
Lard—				
January	4 12	4 12	4 10	4 07 1/2
May	4 12	4 12	4 10	4 07 1/2
Rice—				
January	4 15	4 15	4 05 1/2	4 12
May	4 15	4 15	4 05 1/2	4 12
July	4 15	4 15	4 05 1/2	4 12
May wheat, puts, 700, oats, 400c; curb 50c.				

TO-DAY'S RECEIPTS—CASH LOAN.

Wheat—29, Estimated, 20 Year ago, 108.

Corn—305; Estimated, 215; a year ago, 652

Oats—187; Estimated, 175; a year ago, 165.

ESTIMATES FOR TO-MORROW.

Wheat, 25; Corn, 20; Oats, 215.

Hog receipts 31,000; estimated, 42,000. Mar-
ket 5c higher.

Light, \$3.37@3.60; Mixed \$3.30@3.55,
Heavy \$3.30@3.55; Rough \$3.20@3.30.

Cattle receipts, 8,200 market strong to one
higher.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 21.—Wheat, cash, 87c, May,
86 1/2c, Corn, cash 20 1/2c, May, 22c, Oats, cash,
10 1/2c, May, 18 1/2c.

NEW YORK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Wheat, May, 85 1/2c;
Corn, May, 30c, oats, May, 24 1/2c.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Butter, steady, cream-
ery, 122 1/2c; Eggs, steady, 12 1/2c.

PROVINCE QUOTATIONS.

PROVINCE, Jan. 21.—Corn, steady, No. 2, white,
20 1/2c, oats, quiet, No. 2, white, 20 1/2c, Rye,
nominal.

Squirrels, rabbits and any game desired
can be had of us. Pearl Oyster and Fish
Co.—19-14

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

COURT OF HONOR—Regular meeting of
Decatur District Court, No. 35, this evening
at 7:30 o'clock in C. A. R. Hall, L. H.
CLARK, worthy Chancellor, J. M. BLITHE,
Recorder.

MASSONIC—Regular convocation of Desammonit
Commandery No. 9, K. T., this (Thurs-
day) evening, at the assembly in Temple Block at
7:30 o'clock. Installation of officers. M. C.
HARRAWAY, E. C. C. L. BOWEN, Sec.

BECKWITH— Grocery House And Market.

We enjoyed a large trade on Saturday. There must have been some reason for it. We leave our customers to guess why.

To-day we offer you many new attractions, feeling confident you can find everything necessary for a plain old-fashioned dinner; or if you prefer you know you can find Table Delicacies and Luxuries to make a small dinner for a Queen. Invite your company, go to the Beckwith Grocery House and Market, unfold your memorandum, we will see that you get good service and goods promptly delivered.

In our Market Department we have PLATE, SOUP BONE, NECK PIECES, SHOULDERS, RUMP PIECES—

Round, from 3 to 8½c per pound.
Boiling Meats, from 3 to 7c per pound.
Roasts - Beef—from 6c to 10c per pound.
Pork, from 6c to 8½c per pound.
Pork Sausages, from 6½c to 8½c per pound.
Veal, 6c and up per pound.
Mutton, 3c and up per pound.
And ALL THE BEST CUTS AT CLOSE PRICES.
Fresh Fish, Fresh New Vegetables, Finest Fruits, Etc.

Give us the opportunity and we will do our best to please you.

BECKWITH—
Grocery House and Market,
Powers' Building, 124 South Water Street.
BOTH TELEPHONES 113.

WANTED...

YOUR—
**Old Gold
and Silver.**

Highest Market Price in Merchandise at
Lowest Cash Value.

W. R. Abbott & Co.,
JEWELERS.

DO YOU KNOW
I SELL

Hosiery?

Will not quote prices. Just
ask you to step in and see
prices.

H. C. Anthony
DECATUR, ILL.

IN THE COUNTY COURT.

A Large Number of Witnesses Present Ready to Testify.

In the county court this afternoon the hearing on the petition for the appointment of a conservator for Mrs. Mary Shellabarger, widow of the late Isaac Shellabarger, came up, with Leforge & Lee representing the defendant and Outten & Hoby the petitioners. Mrs. Nellie Cooke and Mrs. Laura Hunt, daughters of the lady. Near the defendant sat her eldest daughter, Mrs. Dr. Courtney Hall, and not far distant were seated the petitioners, near their attorneys. All were attired in black. Outside the railing all of the seats were occupied by gentlemen and ladies who had been summoned to testify in the case. It is held by some that Mrs. Shellabarger is not a distracted person nor a spendthrift, while others hold to the opposite opinion.

Dismissed.

Judge Hammer after hearing the arguments on the motion to dismiss on the ground of insufficiency of the petition, granted the motion. It was held that the petition failed to give names of witnesses by whom it was proposed to establish the charge and the court took the same view of the matter. It is probable that the case will be appealed or a new petition will be filed.

Senator Burrows in Canton.

Canton, Ohio, Jan. 21.—Senator Burrows of Michigan, this morning made a second visit to McKinley within a week. A party consisting of A. H. Funkhouser, General John R. Roller, General G. W. Hodrick and Colonel John A. Gibson, of Virginia, called on McKinley and talked over the names of several men to represent the south in the cabinet. Federal Judge Grosscup of Chicago, also met the president-elect and went over the Illinois situation with him. Numerous other visitors from various parts of the country also called.

Though there is no authority for the statement friends of McKinley have gone to Chicago to confer with Lyman J. Gage in reference to his taking the treasury portfolio. It is believed his friends have been in Canton, advocating Gage's claims for representation in the cabinet.

International Sunday School Association

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 21.—At the morning session of the International Sunday school workers W. J. Smitroth, superintendent of normal work of the Missouri Sunday school association, delivered an address on the "Object of this Association." Charles L. Weaver, secretary of the Indiana Sunday school association, discussed "The Home Class Department." Rev. C. J. Keppert of Pennsylvania, spoke on the "Association of Newspapers."

Lumbermen Association

Minneapolis, Jan. 21.—After adopting the new universal constitution and electing officers the Northwestern Lumbermen's association adjourned at noon. The officers are: President, A. F. Frouden, Duluth; vice president, J. B. Young, Fairmount; directors, D. E. Baker, Treat, Iowa; A. E. Holderster, Manchester, Iowa.

Attention, G. A. R.

The officers and members of Dunham Post, G. A. R., are hereby requested to meet at the Post Hall at 1:45 o'clock, sharp, to-morrow (Friday) afternoon, to attend the funeral of our late comrade, Dr. W. H. Walters, which will be held at his late residence, 671 West Prairie avenue, at 2:30 o'clock. The firing squad need not report for duty.

W. P. CALHOUN, Commander.
R. P. LITTLE, Adjutant.

Death of William Benz.

William Benz died of cancer at 6:40 o'clock this morning at his home, No. 669 South Broadway, aged 71 years. He leaves a wife and two sons, William and Otto Benz. The deceased was a member of the German Aid society and the Turner society and was a veteran of the late war. The time of the funeral will be announced later.

Perished in an Earthquake.

London, Jan. 21.—A special from Tehran, reports that 2000 persons perished as the result of an earthquake on Kishman Island, Jan. 11. This island is the largest in the Persian gulf and had a population of 5000, mostly Arabs.

Approve the Proposition.

New York, Jan. 21.—The board of directors of the A. T. and S. F. road has approved the proposition for a settlement with the Atlantic and Pacific bondholders.

Snow Storm in Minnesota.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 21.—A special from Manitoba reports that in North Dakota and Northwestern Minnesota a driving snow storm is raging.

Taylor Inaugurated.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 21.—Robert L. Taylor was inaugurated governor in the presence of both houses of the legislature in joint session today.

Married.

At the Grace M. E. church parsonage by Rev. W. F. Gillmore, Jan. 21, at 11 a. m., Edwin E. Diggins and Mrs. Sarah E. Bowers, both of Mt. Pleasant, Ill.

Against Sunday Base Ball.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 21.—The house passed a bill today prohibiting Sunday base ball.

Sales of Real Estate.

Margaret Pope to John P. Faris and James W. Cannon, lot 16 in block 2 in Matt's addition, \$1000.



PERSONAL MENTION.

Joe Starr left last night on a business trip to Indianapolis.

Justice W. W. Paddock is confined to his home by illness.

John Carroll of Peoria, is in the city greeting old friends.

Miss Lillian Eldridge is quite ill at her home in Riverside place.

John A. Reeve and Howard Hanthorn were here today from Springfield.

Henry Elbert, who has been ill for a number of days, was able to be out yesterday.

Thomas Penwell, who has been confined to his home by illness, is able to be out today.

Dr. W. H. Bell returned last night from Springfield where he went to perform a surgical operation.

Miss Minnie Crane, who has been ill of typhoid fever for the past six weeks, is now able to be out.

Misses Libbie and Floy Towle entertained a few of their friends last evening at their home on North Pugh street.

Robert Mueller left last night for Cleveland, Ohio, where he will attend a meeting of the brass manufacturers' association.

Thomas J. Jefferson of Buzzards Bay, son of Joe Jefferson, is in the city with the "Padd'nhead Wilson" company to be seen at the Grand tonight.

Hon. John D. Benedict of Danville, grand chancellor Illinois Knights of Pythias, was a guest of W. P. Shade and family while in the city, as were also Hon. and Mrs. John J. Brown, of Vandalia. Mr. Benedict this forenoon paid Superintendent Gastman a call at the high school.

GRUESOME INVENTION.

Suicide and Burial to Be Done Automatically and Cheaply.

A plan for an automatic suicide and simultaneous burial is the invention of President Lesser, of the late Suicide club, of Bridgeport.

Mr. Lesser's invention will, he warrants, faithfully kill and bury all who use it. When the undertakers of Bridgeport receive news of this invention that abolishes hearse, plumes, flowers, funeral processions and all the expensive paraphernalia that please undertakers they will probably conspire to buy the automatic suicide and burial machine and destroy it.

It is correct to refer to the Suicide club as "late," for the only member now



PRESIDENT LESSER'S DEVICE.

left is the president. Mr. Lesser's invention was the result of necessity. So popular was suicide among the club members that members who were called on to pay for the funerals of other suicidal members objected, and President Lesser felt called upon to devise some means of solving the financial problem. If it hadn't been for his determination to find some way to die and at the same time be buried cheaply Lesser would have taken a short cut to eternity some time ago.

But now success has crowned his efforts and he has a working model that guarantees no expense after death. Suicides have a way of going to some big city to cut the knot. Bringing back the remains has always been expensive. Mr. Lesser provides for suicide and burial on the spot.

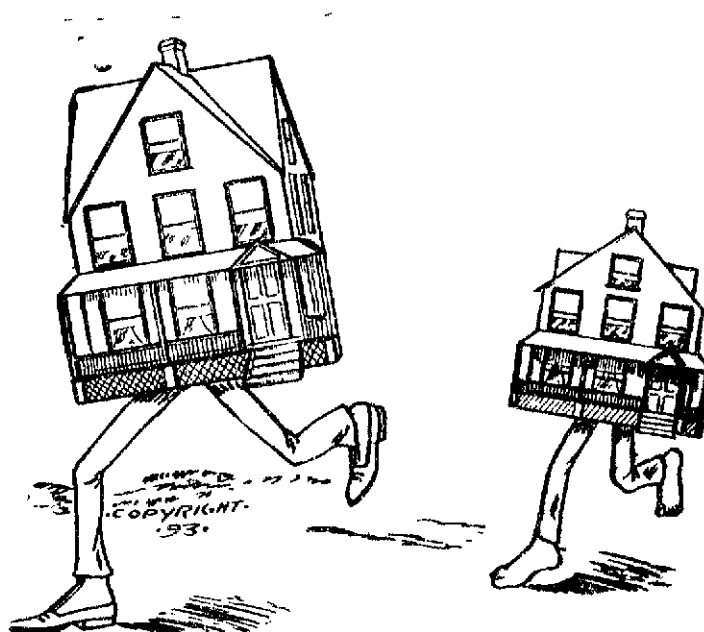
When Mr. Lesser revises the Suicide club and votes to admit a lot of people who are now on the waiting list of the late club, the club will at once buy a piece of ground, an acre, more or less, in which large graves will be dug at stated intervals to meet the allotted suicides of club members. Over each open grave will be a platform. The earth taken from the grave will be laid on the platform. Quicklime in very fragile bottles will be mixed with the earth. The quicklime is a last resort that does its work without the victim's consent.

The platform is so balanced and adjusted that it is tipped over by a spring attached to an electric wire that runs down to the bottom of the grave. Here there is an electrocution arrangement. The suicide, when ready to quit this world, steps down into the grave and lies calmly down on the board at the bottom of the grave. His head presses one electric button connected with a live wire. His feet touch another, completing the circuit. The platform overhead upsets and drops the earth upon him, and all is over or ought to be.

The rash occupant of the hole in the ground has three chances at death. If the electric shock is inefficient, the weight of dirt on him will complete the job, while the quicklime will consume him if everything else fails.

ORLANDO
POWERS' BUILDING.
H. L. OLDHAM, Agent.
OFFICE BULLETIN.
DR. B. L. MAIENTHAL, PHYSICIAN, SUITE 222.
DR. J. G. HARVEY, Will remove from Arcade Building to his new office, Suite 318, Orlando Powers' Building.
H. L. OLDHAM, Agent of the Building. ROOM 307.
C. S. HANKINS, Real Estate, Insurance and Loans. Suite 201.
UTLEY, IMPORTING TAILOR. ROOMS 202 & 204.
DR. O. T. EDDY, DENTIST. Suite 301 and 302.
DR. J. H. EDDY, Physician and Surgeon. SUITES 301 AND 302.
DR. N. D. MYERS, PHYSICIAN, SUITE 303.
DR. H. P. BACHMAN, ...DENTIST... SUITE 304.
DR. J. F. FRIBLEY, DENTIST. SUITE 304.
DR. M. BRANDOM, OCULIST. SUITE 305. **DR. C. W. BRANDOM, OPTICIAN.** SUITE 305.
DR. JOHN T. MILLER, PHYSICIAN. SUITE 306.
DR. W. M. CATTO, ...PHYSICIAN... SUITE 309.
TAKE ELEVATOR ON WATER STREET.

RACE CLOTHING MFG. Co.



OUR HOUSE LEADS.

Through **INVOICING** and have
MARKED DOWN OUR STOCK to
Prices Lower than can be made by
any other dealer in the city.

COME AND SEE US.

**Overcoats, Ulsters,
Heavy Suits, Caps,
Underwear,
Gloves and Mittens,
All Must Go.**

COME AND GET THEM.
No Old Chestnuts in this Stock.

Race Clothing M'fg. Co.,
129 North Water Street.

ROGERS BROS. Knives, Forks and Spoons.

None Genuine Without "1847"
Stamped Upon Them.

These "1847 Rogers Bros." make is the old original brand of Silver Plated Knives, Forks and Spoons, and cost more in the market than any Rogers make. PLEASE DO NOT CONFUSE IT WITH Wm. Rogers, Rogers & Brother or any other Rogers, without the "1847 Rogers Bros." trade mark stamped upon them. There are twenty imitations, all of which use the word "Rogers" in some shape, but none but the genuine dare use "1847 Rogers Bros."

You should get our prices on
Solid Silver Spoons.

We are showing a very fine line at
VERY LOW PRICES.

We claim to be Headquarters on
**Diamonds, Watches,
Clocks and Jewelry.**

OUR SECOND FLOOR CHINA DEPARTMENT

Is second to none in the State, and we are showing
Dinner Ware and Toilet Ware in a very large variety of
patterns, and at prices equal to corn at 15 cents a bushel.

Our House has been Established Over 20 Years at
156 EAST MAIN STREET.

Otto E. Curtis & Bro.

Grand Clear 'Em Out Sale.

We are going to clean up all the odds and ends that we have in the house. There is nothing the matter with these "odds and ends" they are just as good shoes as they ever were, but the sizes are somewhat broken and we must make room for the big spring stock which we have purchased and which will soon be arriving. When we start in on a Clearance Sale we do not do things by halves, but we make the cuts so deep that they command attention. In fact

Prices Are Knocked Silly,

And remember all the time that these shoes which we are offering at such low prices are up-to-date in style, well made, desirable, nothing the matter except that the sizes are somewhat broken. If we can fit you we can give you a bargain such as you read about in old times but seldom see nowadays. Our ladies' handwelt shoes, dongola, vici kid sold for \$3.00 per pair and were cheap at that, now marked down to \$2.25. Ladies' hand-turned vici kid shoes, regular \$4.00 grade, and well worth that price of anybody's money, now only \$2.65 per pair. Ladies' \$2.50 vici kid shoes, in all the new toes; these shoes have been the talk of the town at the price—more appearance, style, good material and workmanship than you could get for the money anywhere else—now you can buy one pair or as many pairs of them as you want for only \$1.95 per pair. Proportionately low prices on all men's shoes.

Now Is the Accepted Time!

Now is the time to invest. If times seem tight that is all the more reason why you should save money in your purchases of footwear. We invite you to come. Hurry up while you will be sure you will be fitted. Come and save yourself rich.

F. H. Cole Shoe Co.

148 East Main St. Sign of the Brass Foot Tracks.

B. F. BOBO, Manager.

HEADACHE CURED FOR 10 CENTS

—AT—
KING'S DRUG STORE,
By using Dr. Hamilton's
Headache Tablets.
Cor. Main and Water Sts.,
Opposite Linn & Scruggs.

LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.

You pay a little more for Sleeth's portraits but—

Cold crackers ten cents at Irwin's.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 29-dtf

The delatort classes begin on tomorrow evening at the Woman's club.

Smoke the famous Loda, a duo 10 cent, made by John Wetland. Mob 25 ct.

Irwin's female tonic gives the best satisfaction, large bottle 75 cents

Sleeth is the only photographer in the city who guarantees satisfaction.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

For hoarseness or sore throat use Irwin's bronchial lozengers.

Comedy at the Grand tonight, "Pudd'nhead Wilson."

One and one-third fare round trip to Chicago on the certificate plan, account of the cycle show, Jan. 23 to 30, via Washash railroad.

Regular meeting of Coeur de Leon lodge, Knights of Pythias tonight in the new castle hall in Powers' block.

Cheep Charley is sure the leader in Decatur, he never copies nor imitates from any one

W. A. Hale has moved his meat market from the Bell drug store building to the Mueller building on North Main street.

Opinion is divided as to the justice of the verdict in the Joe Myers murder case. The mystery as to who killed August Haskman is now greater than ever.

The Fullenwider truce cures rupture For sale by the Cerrodan Co., 21 Syndicate block. Jan 10 dlm

Mackie is coming. Wait for him. Five years as Grimesy-me Roy in Hoyt's A Bunch of Keys. New music, costumes and dances.

There was a fine performance and splendid music at the Grand last night in the presentation of "A Black Sheep," one of Hoyt's best comedies

Mrs. Liek something Good had all her fine radishes, lettuce, celery, etc., from the popular Pearl Oyster and Fish Co., telephone 311.—19-4t

The Church of God revival will continue every night during this week and over Sunday. Several have asked for the prayers of the church and a deep spiritual atmosphere pervades all the services.

John Inman has sold his half interest in the restaurant on South Main street in his partner and sister, Mrs. Combs. Mr. Inman has moved to the first house west of the box factory, on West Wood street. J. W. Briz at St. Louis, is manager of the restaurant

No better soft coal in this market than Luncan or Bliverton. Lincoln is the hardest of any coal within 100 miles of Decatur and the harder the coal the longer it will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in stock at market price. Up town office, Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800 North Broadway, old phone 438, now phone 145. M. F. Metz.—21-dtf

YOU CAN buy Footwear at a dozen other places in our city, but

YOU CAN'T buy the same kind and quality for the same money, but

YOU MAY buy something that looks as well, but after a few weeks' wear

YOU MUST admit the mark has been removed and you have been deceived.

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AT REST.

Death of Dr. W. H. Walters at His Home on Prairie Avenue.

The death of Dr. W. H. Walters occurred at 4:30 p. m. Jan. 20, at his home, 671 West Prairie avenue, due to paralysis. The doctor had been in failing health for several years. After dinner yesterday the doctor fell asleep and could not be aroused. He passed away, relieved of care and suffering.

William Henry Walters was born at Trenton, N. J., in 1831, of English parents. He was the eldest of five children, two sons and three daughters. When he was 18 years of age, his parents died and he was thrown on his own resources. He taught school, saved his money, and was thus finally enabled to receive full medical instruction at Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia. He graduated from that institution in 1852, and came west to practice his profession. He located first in Scott county, Illinois, and later moved to Springfield. His next move was to Champaign county, where he practiced for seven years. He next removed to Macon county, near Orona where he remained for some time. He went to California for two years but returned to this county in 1880, purchasing the residence of Dr. Josiah Brown, at the corner of Church and North streets. Wherever he was, he continued to actively practice his profession and always with professional and financial success. He removed from Decatur to Rockford in 1881 and practiced there for about ten years. He returned to Decatur in 1892 to retire and rest easily for the years which were yet left to him. He had always been a student, and in the Macon county medical society of which he was member, he was known as one of the best read physicians of this city. Dr. Walters had known how to be provident all his life and was therefore well-to-do and well able to retire.

Dr. Walters was married in 1858 at Springfield, Ill., and his wife survives him. Their children are Charles H. Walters, of Decatur, Fred W. Walters of Chicago, Mrs. M. E. Green of Richmond, Ind., Stella H. Ray and Louis W. Walters of Decatur. So far as the family know he had no other living relatives. His parents were Episcopians, but Dr. Walters many years ago joined the Baptist church and adhered to that faith the remainder of his life.

The deceased was a veteran of the late war and was a member of Dunham Post, 141, G. A. R. He served as surgeon of the 139th Illinois Infantry.

The funeral will take place from the family residence, 671 Prairie avenue on Friday, Jan. 23, at 2:30 p. m. The burial will be under the direction of the Grand Army Post.

Hand Is Not Encouraged.

It seems to be the opinion of some that the Goodman band don't get fair treatment. A man who is interested in the band said in reference to the Sunday night concert: "The band does not get much encouragement from the public. The bandmen have taken the trouble to give Sunday night sacred concerts and the attendance has amounted to almost nothing. The members of the band practice four times a week preparing for the concerts in order that they may give a high class program and have put the price so low that they are in reach of all, and yet scarcely anyone has patronized them. During the summer when free open air concerts were given everyone went to hear the music but they refuse to pay a few cents to help the band and at the same time enjoy a musical treat. The Goodman band is one which the city may well be proud of. During the campaign and on other occasions when delegations visit other cities the band has brought honors upon Decatur and it is far superior to any band which will be found in a city of equal size. The public don't appreciate the band and the members of the organization do not feel encouraged with the amount of support they receive."

Great Comedy To-Night.

The story of "Pudd'nhead Wilson" was certainly interesting, because it is so odd and unconventional. The adventures of "Tom" and "Chambers," who were mixed up as babies by their negro nurse, are full of melodramatic material, and the subsequent identification of them by "Pudd'nhead Wilson's" theory of identification by marks on the thumb, is something new to the stage. According to "Pudd'nhead," the lines on the ball of the thumb are somewhat unique, no two persons live who are marked alike; hence the means of identification by these marks are absolutely reliable. The play is said to be even more interesting than was the story. It comes to the Grand opera house tonight.

Locomotive Firemen in Session.

Cleveland, Jan. 21.—A union meeting of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, embracing New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, is in session here behind closed doors. Between 400 and 500 delegates are in attendance. One of the most important questions to be considered is the proposed federation of all railroad employees' organizations.

Needs! Needs! Needs!

Garden, flower and field seeds in bulk. Dan Culp, the old reliable seedman, fifteen years' experience with George S. Dunfee & Bro., will open up about Jan. 30, with a fresh stock of garden, flower and field seeds at No. 223 North Main street. The only exclusive seed store in Decatur.—15d-tf

A Bunch of Keys. The original Grimesy-me Roy, James B. Mackie, in Grimesy's Collar Door Co.

Attention, Turners.

Special meeting tonight at 8 o'clock at the Turner hall on account of the death of Turner William Denz, Sr. E. Reinhardt, Pres.

Smith a Candidate.

J. R. Smith of Taylorville, member of the Republican state central committee for this, the 17th congressional district, is a candidate for appointment as postmaster at Taylorville. There are other candidates for the place, but it is said that Mr. Smith will get there.

Death Near Body.

Mrs. Mattie B. Pattle, wife of William Pattle, died of consumption at 5 p. m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the family home near Body, aged 28 years. The funeral will be held at 11 o'clock tomorrow from the home church at Body. Rev. Fields will officiate.

German Baptist Fund.

All subscribers that paid into the fund for securing the national meeting of the German Baptists in this city several months since are requested to meet at the city council rooms on Friday evening, Jan. 23, at 7:30 o'clock and say what disposition shall be made of the few hundred dollars left over. F. M. Young, treasurer.

Entertained Her Friends.

Last evening Miss Florence Armstrong entertained a number of her friends at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Armstrong on West Prairie avenue. The affair was one to celebrate the thirtieth birthday of the hostess and the company consisted of thirteen girls. The guests played games and at 8 o'clock a birthday supper was served. Mrs. Armstrong was assisted in entertaining the young people by Miss Guselo Gorin.

Third Entertainment.

The third entertainment in the Y. M. C. A. star course will be given at the opera house Friday night, Jan. 23, by W. M. R. French, director of Chicago Art Institute. The peculiar and attractive feature of Mr. French's lectures in their abundant illustration by means of large extemporaneous sketches, drawn on paper in the presence of the audience in color and crayon. This promises to be one of the best entertainments in the course.

Quite a Difference.

Boot and Shoe Recorder: The society editor, in describing the heels of the Thanksgiving ball, concluded by saying: "And her dainty feet were incased in shoes that resembled fairy boots." But he was horror-stricken the next morning on glancing down the column of his paper to see that his blundering printer had set it up in this manner: "And her dainty feet were incased in shoes that resembled ferry-boats."

Sales of Real Estate.

Charles E. Schroll to W. H. Stewart, lot 12 in block 1 of Enterprise addition, \$1.

C. M. Allison to S. S. Jack, lot 4 in Whitmer place, \$1.

E. W. Moore to Frank Gaffney, bond for deed to lot 1 in block 4 of Soloma place, \$300.

Mary E. Munson and Ivy Clements to J. B. Hurry, lot 5 in block 11 of Blue Mound, \$100.

S. S. Jack to C. M. Allison, lot 3 in Whitmer place, \$1.

J. P. Nicholson to James A. Cook, sheriff's deed to lots 4 and 5 in block 33 of Railroad addition, \$138.

Hoyt's, A Bunch of Keys Co. J. B. Mackie, the original Grimesy-me Roy, will be here, in Grimesy's Collar Door Co.

One Division Office in Decatur.

The office of the roadmaster of the Peoria division of the Vandalia was opened in Decatur yesterday. It is in the old depot building at the foot of East Main street. The office has been at Paris. W. H. Byrkit is the roadmaster. He was formerly on the main line of the Vandalia. George Miller is his chief clerk and is the only one in the office besides Mr. Byrkit. Mr. Miller is well known in Decatur having lived here for many years and has been connected with the Pacific Express company. Mr. Miller has already moved to Decatur. He is living at 525 West Decatur street. Mr. Byrkit has not yet moved here.

Vanity Fair.

A veritable apogee of beauty and talent, illumined with the most wonderful electrical effects and set off with the most magnificently painted scenery—that is "Vanity Fair" which comes to the Grand next Saturday night. To begin with there is a burlesque, the opening scene of which is a yacht club reception in New York, at which the guests are entertained by the choicest talent which can be obtained. In the following also there is a bewildering galaxy of artists, who are followed by a spectacular comedy entitled "Jay New York or Fun at Coney Island" the opening scene of which discloses the interior of the sweetest barber shop in the world. In the next scene is disclosed a rare picture of Coney Island by day, with the four original tawale girls and the famous Coney Island elephant, which is as full of tricks as ever.

James B. Mackie will be with you soon. Wait for him. Grimesy-me Roy.

A BIG DITCH.

The Mason and Tazewell Drainage District Has Reclaimed 50,000 Acres of Farm Lands

Bloomington Pantograph Just north and west of the village of San Jose is the Mason and Tazewell drainage district. This work was commenced some twelve years ago, and is being paid for by taxation of the property benefited. About 30,000 acres of land have been reclaimed from the swamp and made into first class farm land, in this district alone. From time immemorial the land from Crane's creek, south of Delavan, was little better than a swamp. It was the home of wild ducks, etc., and hunters waited all over this country, or went in boats. Now all of this land is devoted to the raising of corn and wheat. On much of it 100 bushels of corn to acre, was last year raised. In this district also is included the township of Allen Grove and Pennsylvania in Mason county, and Madison in Tazewell. Two main ditches, each about twenty miles long, traverse this district, besides many smaller lateral ditches. One of the large ditches empties into Quiver creek and the other into the Sangamon river, via Crane creek. The main ditches are fifty feet wide at the top and about thirty at the bottom. They are from six to eight feet deep.

Before this land was organized into a drainage district and drained it was nominally worth \$3 or \$4 per acre. Now it is worth from \$75 to \$80. In one year from now the last bond will have been paid off and thereafter only repairs will have to be paid for. The average cost per acre for the entire tract was \$11.75, although it was divided according to the estimated amount of benefit received. The tax each year amounts to from 75 cents to \$1 per acre. This is assessed by the drainage commissioners and collected by the regular township collectors with the other taxes. The draining of this land has increased its value from twenty to twenty-five fold.

School Notes.

On Saturday next, Jan. 23, 1897, at 9:30 a. m. in the hall of the high school Prof. Louis H. Gailbreath of the Normal university will address the teachers and their friends on "A Study of the Interests of Children," illustrated in connection with the study of literature. All our citizens are cordially invited to hear this talk. Certainly, no more important subject can be considered by parents and teachers. On Monday, Feb. 1, a new class for the little tots will be formed in all the primary schools. Children were 4 years old before April 1 will be admitted to this class if they are properly vaccinated. Please send them on the very day mentioned so that they may get a fair start with their mates. No other class of beginners will be started until September next. E. A. Gashman

James B. Mackie, the original Grimesy-me Roy in Hoyt's Bunch of Keys

The Police Couldn't Stop This Man. Byron once said, "Thrice armed is he who hath his quarrel just," but Jack B. says, "And for times he who gets in his fist!" That's us, we always get in the first blow and this time our great prize sale is the hardest blow of all. It has knocked 'em off their feet \$3.45 does it, \$4 and \$3.60 does it, \$2.45 does it; \$2.50 shoes at \$1.95 does it, \$3 at \$1.45, and \$1.75 at \$1.25, all this is why we are selling the goods and knocking out our \$30,000 stock, just what we intended it should do. Walter Hutton, 355 North Water street

J. B. Mackie in Grimesy's Collar Door is very funny, full of bright and witty music.

A NEW THING

Fine Tailor Made Clothing at Auction

Business has been dull and will continue in this condition for two months longer or we must make business, so here you are. Our large stock of woollens all the late styles, nothing held in reserve, the largest in the city, must be reduced, and to do it we have decided to sell just 200 suits

At auction, the same made to measure, cut, trimmed made by our own tailors under our own direct supervision, and each suit guaranteed. This will be the greatest opportunity to get either a business suit, or a dress suit at prices as low as ready made clothing is ever sold for, that will ever be offered. Customers can come in at any time, select any pattern desired and the same will be offered at the regular auction hour

Either a winter suit or a spring and summer suit can be selected as desired, the latter can be bought and laid away for the coming season. Remember our suits to be sold, every suit with our guarantee, and every suit sold for cash only. Sale to begin Thursday, Jan. 21 at 10 p. m. Auction hours, 3 to 4 and 7 to 8 p. m.—20-dtf

To Stop a Cold in 30 Minutes. Take Contra-Cold Tablets, guaranteed or money refunded by all druggists.

Wait for Mackie, Grimesy-me Roy, 50 years with Hoyt's A Bunch of Keys Co.